



Competitions Get Underway at Soldier Hollow



Wave photo by Courtney Gressmen

Nordic cross country skiers competed in the first World Cup two weekends ago at Soldier Hollow. The Wasatch Citizen's series races were also held at Soldier Hollow over the weekend.

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Mother nature hit at just the right time.

Two weekends ago, the first World Cup event was held at Soldier Hollow and was welcomed with snow!

Nordic Combined (cross country skiing and ski jumping) competitors took to the snowy course for three days of competition, with the United States placing two racers in the top five after three days of competition.

Following the first jumping event on Friday, Steamboat Springs' Matt Dayton was 32nd going into the cross country sprint race. Then, after a great race on the 7.5 km cross country loop, Dayton found himself in first place. He was followed by Italy's Jochen Strobl. Teammate Johnny Spillane placed 14th in jumping and 10th in skiing to put him into eighth place overall for the U.S.

Sunday's race featured lots of

lead changes and more snow!

After several position changes on the 15 km course, Spillane passed up Russia's Denis Tishagin, who finished 23.5 seconds behind Spillane for second place.

Spillane had a spectacular race on the fast course after finishing eighth in the jumping competition. Dayton, who was the leader after the first day, placed third.

Tuesday was the final competition day for the Nordic Combined World Cup "B" teams. This day proved to be a great one for the U.S. skiers.

Dayton finished first in the 10 km mass start by more than half a minute over Strobl and Kristoffer Erichsen of Steamboat Springs, CO. Dayton then went on to finish 27th in the 120 km jumping competition.

Spillane, who placed ninth in Tuesday's race, came back to take third in the jumping.

Spillane and Dayton helped the U.S. dominate the competi-

tion. Spillane placed second overall while Dayton finished fifth.

Teammate Erichsen finished 10th overall, while Carl V. Loan of Webster, NH, placed 12th, Jed Hinkley of Andover, NH placed 31st, and Ale Glueck, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., placed 35th.

This past weekend, the first of many Wasatch Citizen Series races were also held at Soldier Hollow. Many racers came out to participate in this exciting event.

Peter Svendsen won the event with a time of 27:36. Peter Barton finished second, with a time of 28:12, and Rian Quinn finished third with a time of 28:44.

The overall winner for the women was Katrin Smigun. Kelly Milligan took second and Dina Newhouse was third.

The next event Soldier Hollow will host will be the Utah Winter Games biathlon event Jan. 6-7.

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Friends of Wasatch Mountain State Park and the Soldier Hollow Legacy Foundation sponsor a \$5 + \$5 ski and snowshoe day at Soldier Hollow Saturday, January 6 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Regular fees will be reduced that day.

Four-time Olympic biathlete Lyle Nelson and two-time Olympian Dave Jarrett will meet and instruct new skiers. Entrance fees are \$5 per person with children 12 admitted free. Equipment rentals are also reduced to \$5 per person that day. Rentals and passes are available at the Lodge at Soldier Hollow. Friends of Wasatch Mountain State Park will also provide snacks and refreshments at no cost.

Soldier Hollow at Wasatch Mountain State Park will be the busiest venue during the Olympic Winter Games hosting 18 events, including six for biathlon, 10 for cross-country skiing, and two for the skiing portions of Nordic combined. Competition will be held over 16 days and will require 11 different race formats and course configurations.

To visit Soldier Hollow: From Heber City, take State Road 113 to Midway and follow SR 113 as it turns left, continue south and turn right at Tate Lane, then follow the signs to the Lodge. For more information, please contact Wasatch Mountain State Park at (435) 654-1791 or the Legacy Foundation at (435) 654-2002.

Men's Basketball Standings

1. Yodels	1-0	6. Davis Bros. Const.	0-1
2. Century 21	1-0	7. Other End	0-0
3. One-Stop	1-0		
4. Morrison Brothers	0-1		
5. Young Guns	0-1		

"A" League

1. Chicks/Wright Ford	1-0	6. Oxbow Ranch	0-1
2. Ron Hansen Const.	1-0	7. Mt. Cabinetry	0-0
3. Bingelli Rock	1-0		
4. Albertson's	0-1		
5. Homestead	0-1		

"B" League

1. Team Skylar Widdison	2-0	6. Team Travis Kinsey	0-2
2. Team Chris Pyper	2-0		
3. Team Ryan Edwards	1-1		
4. Team Jon Carpenter	1-1		
5. Team Brandon Holmes	0-2		

High School League

County Sports, Activities, & Recreation Schedule At a Glance Events Scheduled

Wasatch High Sports

Wasatch @ Ogden (boys basketball)

The Wasatch boys basketball team is off to a rocky start and will take to the court against Ogden High School in Ogden on Wednesday, Dec. 20. The Wasps will look to pick up their first win of the season against the Tigers this week. Games times will be 3:30, 5:15, and 7:00.

Wasatch @ Reno Tournament of Champions (wrestling)

Lady Wasps Stop East in Their Tracks

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enough to pass up East on the scoreboard. Wasatch managed to stay within two points the entire half and at halftime the score was 20-18 East.

Starting the third quarter, the Lady Wasps must have done something different. They came out scoring and went on a 14-0 run, before the Leopards scored on a short jumper.

"At halftime we decided to tighten up our rotation," head coach Roger Pyper said. "We didn't want East to get second looks on their shots and they

